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DEPT. PASS LABOR FOR HOLMES (ILAB)

DEPT. PASS AFL-CIO FOR ERNIE LEE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, NO

SUBJECT: ASPENGREN VISIT TO US

REF: OSLO 3884

1. NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) PRESIDENT TOR ASPENGREN, IN RESPONSE TO LONG-STANDING INVITATION, WILL VISIT WASHINGTON SEPT 22-26 TO CONFER WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS OF AFL-CIO. ASPENGREN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LO FIRST SECRETARY LIEF HARALDSETH, A LEADER IN NORWEGIAN RAILWAY WORKERS UNION. HE WILL BE JOINED IN US BY LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KAARE SANDEGREN, WHO ARRIVED IN US SEPTEMBER 12 FOR BUSINESS WITH INTERNATIONAL METAL WORKERS FEDERATION (IMF).

2. ASPENGREN REVIEWED TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH AFL-CIO AT LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR SEPT 11. (SANDEGREN WAS ALSO PRESENT.) HE SAID LO PRESIDENT WILL REPEAT INVITATION TO PRESIDENT MEANY TO COME TO SCANDINAVIA AND VISIT WITH COUNCIL OF NORDIC LABOR LEADERS AT EARLIEST

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CONVENIENT TIME TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF ILO, AND INCREASED AFL-CIO

PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY IN EUROPE TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON DEMOCRATIC  
LABOR MOVEMENTS.

3. ASPENGREN, SANDEGREN AND HARALDSETH WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED  
IN OBSERVING AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND WILL ASK AFL-CIO  
TO PUT SANDEGREN IN CONTACT WITH DEMOCRATS' CAMPAIGN STAFF  
WHO CAN DISCUSS LABOR, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY  
ISSUES.

4. ASPENGREN WILL RETIRE EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND WE EXPECT HE  
WILL BE SUCCEDED BY LO SECRETARY AND FORMER SOCIAL  
MINISTER TOR HALVORSEN. NEW LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE POLICY  
OF CLOSE COOPERATION WITH AFL-CIO.  
ANDERS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED AFL-CIO.

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